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Sunday School welcomes your children with open arms! Join us every Sunday at 11:00 am for faith, fun, and friendship. We would love to have them!

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Dear Church members & Supportive Friends,

There is nothing quite like chocolate chip cookies. They come in all shapes and sizes, but they are very similar in how they are made. There is the flour, sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla and, of course, chocolate chips. All these ingredients blend and work together to form the chocolate chip cookie.

The church resembles a chocolate chip cookie, with many ingredients, but making up something that is much bigger than the individual parts. Just as the various ingredients of a chocolate chip cookie exist in the cookie, so we exist in the Church. The ingredients were baked to form the chocolate chip cookie, so we were baptized to form the body of Christ, which is another name given for the Church.

What is an important ingredient in a chocolate chip cookie? What if we left out the flour because we are not baking a "flour cookie?" We cannot leave out anything. The chocolate chip recipe lists specific ingredients, in a specific order, with precise quantities, for a good reason. Too much of one ingredient, or not enough of another affects the composi-

tion and the taste of a chocolate chip cookie.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, the Apostle Paul likens the church to a human body that has no unimportant part. The foot, by



itself, may not be able to play the piano, but without the feet, the hands will never get to the keyboard of the piano. God, in His infinite wisdom, has designed every part of our body to perform a unique function. Without the hand, the body cannot pick up an object that the eyes see. No part of the human body is insignificant. In a similar way, there is no insignificant job in the church. Everyone who works for the betterment of the church plays an important role in keeping the church body in a healthy and vibrant condition.

We are able to operate the church smoothly and efficiently because all the communicant members perform a vital role, and make a significant contri-

bution to the mission of the church by dedicating their talents to God's service. Like the different ingredients that make up a chocolate chip cookie, every member adds a special flavor to the church. As members of one body, we have to remain united to retain our vitality. Although we have different talents, and perform different roles, we are all interdependent because we are connected together. It is very important that the various members of the body retain their cohesion; otherwise, the body would be incapacitated and crippled.

I would like to encourage you to evaluate your gifts, abilities and talents in order to find a particular ministry that suits you. After finding your special niche in the church, it is essential that you make a commitment to perform your duty at your maximum potential. God needs all of you, and the church would be impoverished if we were to lose anyone of you. The chocolate chip cookie would not retain its delicious taste if anyone of its ingredients is left out. Instead of pulling apart, let us pull together as a united team.

Rev. George Terian,
Senior pastor

DEDICATION



On Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, as we celebrated the triumphant entry of our Savior into Jerusalem, we also celebrated a sacred and joyful moment in the life of our church family—the dedication of children to the Lord. We congratulate the families of Jason and Monica Marganian and Alexander and Ani Mulé.

PALM SUNDAY



This past Palm Sunday on April 13, 2025, we had a joint worship service with St. Nareg Armenian Evangelical Church for a spirit-filled service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the joy and power of the resurrection continue to live in our hearts throughout the year!

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

On May 10, 2025, IACC held its Mother's Day Luncheon. The theme of this year's luncheon was a Bakery, named "*Nothing Bundt God*" and was dedicated to one of IACC's greatest bakers, JoAnn Ohanesian, whom we lost unexpectedly in November, 2024.

The Church hall was transformed into a bakery, complete with decorations of a variety of pastries including cakes, cookies, cupcakes, eclairs, cream puffs and macarons. On the dessert table was a picture of JoAnn and in her memory were recipe cards of one of her delicious desserts, "Shakar Lokhum", for the guests to take. "Baking Hacks" posters were placed throughout the hall which provided many helpful baking tips.

The Luncheon was inspired by Proverbs 31:26 - "*She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.*"

We began the luncheon with Badveli Terian leading us in prayer and blessing the food. The ladies were treated to a delicious lunch of a variety of croissant sandwiches, potato salad, Greek salad, pickles, carrots, and grapes. For dessert, there was strawberry jello parfait, chocolate eclairs, cream puffs, and macarons. Our program continued with



our 2024 Woman of the Year, Souzi Baghdikian, who gave a devotional message connecting our inspirational bible verse of Proverbs 31:26, and thoughts on how to apply it to our lives. She shared her own example of how Proverbs 31:26 has come into play in her own life through the wisdom of her own mother. Souzi's devotional was very inspiring.

Next up were the games. The first game tested the ladies on their knowledge of baking by answering baking trivia questions. We all ended up learning baking facts we did not know. Our next game involved two teams of four players, each of whom had to take turns decorating their team's Mother's Day cake. The teams were given the usual baking decorations - sprinkles, candy, frosting, etc - and had 30 seconds per player to decorate the cake. The last player had to incorporate an additional "secret" decoration -

Cheese puffs! Once their cakes were decorated the audience voted on the winning cake. Team Bundty won. Our last game was a guessing game which required each table to look at clues in pictures of a kitchen and come up with a guess as to what pastry was baked in that kitchen. The first to guess the pastry was the winner. The winning guess was Monkey Bread.

The fun continued with our favorite luncheon game, B-I-N-G-O (or in keeping with the theme - "B-A-K-E-R").

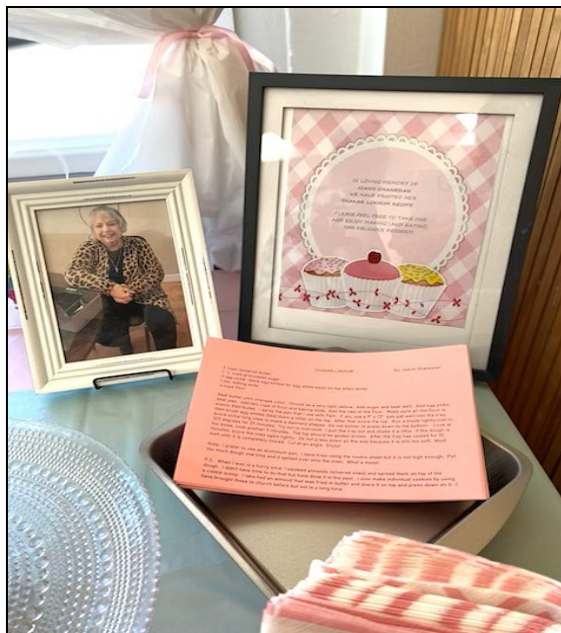
Door prizes and raffle prizes were plentiful and we had many happy winners!

The luncheon was a huge success thanks to all our guests, helpers, participants, sponsors, and donors. We hope to see everyone back again for next year's Mother's Day Luncheon.

With warmest regards,
Anoush Tchakalian and
Debbie Fermanian
Co-chairpersons, Mother's Day
Luncheon Committee



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON





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CHURCH NEWS

BIRTHDAYS



MAY

Ed Kassabian



APRIL

Rosemary Saatjian

Osanna Kabounian

Souzi Baghdikian



JUNE

Levon Baroutjian

Jean Beeson

Not pictured

Hrag Marganian

WOMAN & MAN OF THE YEAR

TIME

WOMAN OF THE YEAR



On May 11, 2025, Janeen Dinkel was voted Woman of Year! Congratulations Janeen! Pictured with Souzi Baghdikian, 2024 Woman of the year.

TIME

MAN OF THE YEAR



On June 15, 2025, Tom Kazarian was voted Man of the Year! Congratulations Tom! Pictured with Rev. Terian, Parounak Minakian, Man of the Year 2024.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC & CAR SHOW



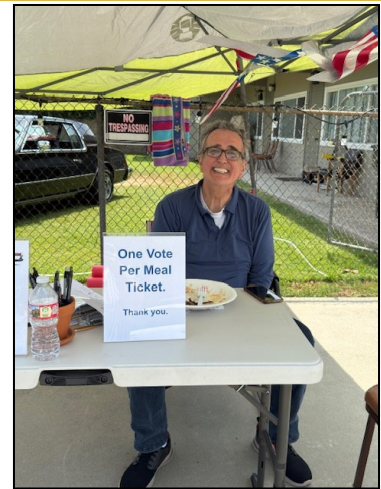
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HIGH SCHOOL



Benjamin Samarin graduated from Porto La High School in Irvine CA and will be attending Pepperdine University. He is the son of Zachariah and Megan Samarin and the grandson of Gayle Samarin.

Congratulations Benjamin!



Ronald Jack Arakelian graduated from Servite High School in Anaheim, CA and in the fall will be attending Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Ron and Kourtni Arakelian, grandson of Ron and Shelly Arakelian, great grandson of Barbara Arakelian and Barbara Gasparian. He is such a wonderful young man and his family loves dearly. Congratulations Ronald!



Scott C. Switzer graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School, Torrance, CA and will be attending the University of Southern California, School of Accounting. He is the son of Brian and Tiffany Switzer (Savoian), and grandson of Denise and Ray Savoian.

Congratulations Scott!

COLLEGE



Eric Ashkarian graduated with honors from University of California, Irvine with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He plans on attending University of California, Los Angeles in the fall pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Chemistry. He is the son of Steve and Aida Ashkarian, and grandson of Vahe and Chris Ashkarian and the late Nerses and Vanouhi Balalian.

Congratulations Eric!

Dear Church Members:

Those of you who have been attending IACC for many years probably remember when the congregation moved from its Los Angeles location to its current address in Downey. It was, I am sure, bittersweet to leave your church home but there is joy in looking to the future, change and anticipation. The majesty of the structure and the memories made may have paled in comparison to the adventure of creating a new church home. This current structure is the result of changes to the front facade of the original building and an addition of the social hall; trees planted in the medium of the parking lot and then removed due to the damage caused by the tree roots to the cement. Improvements made to better suit our use and to beautify our surroundings.

As with all things, wear and tear give way to much needed repairs and even renovation. It takes careful stewardship to protect Christ's church and the many Councils that have served over the years are all too familiar with the need to repair. We can never lose heart about our church's needs and gratefully, when the time arose for expensive work, the funds in our Building Fund and the support of our congregation have stood tall.

Continuing to maintain our church is our joy and brings the vision of God not to us but through us. We must not waiver from our obligation to be good stewards but always remember that God expects us to take care of the building He has given us within which to worship and your continued support in that regard is vital. We appreciate all you do to support IACC and her existence and pray for your continued attention and support. Come see our progress!

Sincerely,
Rosemary Saatjian, Moderator

We will continue with our efforts to keep IACC's buildings and grounds looking their best. Our Lord and our congregation deserve it as do our visitors who come and praise Him with joy. Please keep an eye on your surroundings and contact the church office to let them know if you see any needed repairs.

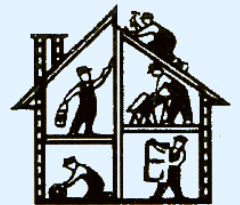
To maintain the grounds and to beautify our Lord's house, the following items have been taken care of to date:

1. A new subpanel was installed with 4 new outlets.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

1. Change vinyl flooring in Sunday School building hallway.
2. Repair of blinds in the social hall.

Board of Trustees
Chair, Sona Minakian



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of IACC is to unite together believers in Jesus Christ for worship, prayer, instruction, fellowship, service and evangelism for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The Church shall make the will of God, as revealed through the Holy Scriptures, preeminent in the lives of men individually and collectively.

IMMANUEL ARMENIAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

RALLY
Sunday

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kick off the new church season with us!
Join us for a special morning of worship and fellowship as we gather together after summer. Reconnect with friends, meet new ones, and learn about exciting ministries and programs for all ages!

DONATIONS

To strengthen the ministry of our church and to help nurture faith, stewardship and a deep sense of mission, we welcome the following gifts, with thanks:

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Patti Parrish

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Rosanna Moreland
Patti Parrish
Rosemary Saatjian
Gayle Samarin
Anoush Tchakaian

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Carol Noorigian
Sam & Ruth Proodian

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Pat Kasparoff
Patti Parrish
Rev. George & Alice Terian

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Suzie Abajian
Dale & Renee Agajanian
Souzi Baghdikian
Coffee Werks (John Shahabian)
Armen & Debbie Fermanian
Rosemary Cugno
Janeen Dinkel

Rosanna Moreland
Patti Parrish
Rosemary Saatjian

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC DONATIONS

Suzie Abajian
Levon Baroutjian
Barbara Gasparian
Haig & Marsha Jamgotchian
Hrag Marganian
Rosanna Moreland

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVE PARRISH

Patti Parrish

FATHERS DAY DONATION IN LOVING OF LEVON BIREBIRIAN AND KRIKOR FERMANIAN

Armen & Debbie Fermanian

FATHER'S DAY DONATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF VASKEN KHANJIAN, ANDREW DODD AND ZAVEN KHANJIAN

Dicky Dodd

IN CELEBRATION FOR JEAN BEESON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Levon Baroutjian
Beeson Family
Sona Minakian

DONATIONS

Tsolag & Liana Apelian

From Our Kitchen to Yours - Heavenly Recipes

HEALTHY CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Submitted by Rosemary Saatjian

Ingredients:

2 cups wild rice, cooked according to package
 2 Tbls olive oil
 1/2 onion, chopped
 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled & cubed small
 1 lb brussel sprouts, trimmed & quartered
 1 tsp dry thyme
 1/2 tsp garlic powder
 1/2 tsp paprika
 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
 1/4 cup chicken broth
 2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs (can use meat from one rotisserie chicken)
 1/2 cup dried cranberries
 1/2 cup sliced almonds (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish. Heat 1 Tbls olive oil. Season chicken with pepper and cook 6-8 min per side or until cooked through. Cut into bite size pieces. In large skillet, heat oil and add onions, sweet potatoes & brussel sprouts. Season with remaining seasonings. Sauté slightly until softened, about 5 minutes. Add broth, simmer & cover for 5 minutes. Mix in prepared rice, prepared chicken and cranberries. Transfer mixture into baking dish and top with sliced almonds. Cover and bake for 20 minutes. Enjoy!!

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Every Sunday in July	-	Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday School 11 am.
Every Sunday in August	-	Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday School 11 am.
Sept 7 (Sun)	-	Worship Service, 11 am. Sunday School 11 am. Council Meeting, 1:30 pm
Sept 14 (Sun)	-	AMAA Sunday. Joint Worship Service with St. Nareg Armenian Church.
Sept 20 (Sat)	-	Women's Spiritual Fellowship monthly Bible Study resumes. 10 am breakfast, 11 am study.
Sept 21 (Sun)	-	Rally Sunday. 11 am Worship Service, Sunday School 11 am.

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